

\$8.7 million OK'd for Army center housing

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Construction of a 100-unit family housing subdivision is expected to start in early summer at the St. Louis Area Support Center. The Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has received authority to seek proposals for the housing subdivision to be built here, Bob Whistine, a spokesman for the Corps' Louisville District said Friday.

Funds totaling \$8,715,000 included in the 1988 Military Construction Act are available for the project, he said.

Contracts will be awarded for the best proposal which provides the best value for the amount of dollars expended, said Whistine.

The subdivision will include two, three- and four bedroom housing for 98 officers and enlisted personnel, plus two general officers' quarters.

All necessary facilities to a housing subdivision will be contained in the building project, including traffic control, lot lots (playground areas), bus stops and all related utilities, Whistine said.

The development will be a turnkey project, the spokesman said. The Corps will supervise the design and construction of the project, turning it over upon completion to the installation for functional use.

Requests for proposals will be distributed through the Louisville District to potential bidders in February. Proposals will then be accepted in the following 60 days.

It is estimated that contracts will be let in early spring with construction starting in early summer, Whistine said.

The housing subdivision is expected to take approximately a year and a half to complete.

The support center is the Army's only installation in the St. Louis area that provides housing for enlisted personnel. More than 3,000 active military personnel live in the St. Louis area.

At Wednesday's meeting of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, Lt. Col. George P. Brown, support center commanding officer, credited efforts by local civic leaders and community support for obtaining the new housing subdivision here.



A last salute

HONORING A COMRADE: A black-draped fire engine leads a hearse, carrying the remains of retired Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Karlechik, under an aerial ladder bridge Thursday afternoon. Mr. Karlechik died Monday, Jan. 4. The hearse paused briefly in front of the

department's headquarters on Pontoon Road in Pontoon Beach for a final salute from his fellow firefighters before proceeding under the crossed aerial ladders, provided by Granite City firefighters.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

City has few new houses

By Dave Gossell
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A comparison among some area communities indicates that Granite City and other bluffs communities lag behind bluffs communities significantly in housing starts.

Sixteen permits were issued for single-family houses in Granite City in all of 1987, according to the city's engineering department. There were no new apartment buildings built in the city in 1987.

Edwardsville and Collinsville had 127 and 117 permits issued, respectively, for new houses in 1987, according to the cities' housing and building officials. Collinsville issued permits for 12 new apartment buildings, containing 213 units. Edwardsville had not compiled apartment statistics as of Friday.

Pontoon Beach issued 14 permits for new houses in 1987 and East St. Louis issued permits for eight new houses. There were no new apartments built in Pontoon Beach or East St. Louis.

Alton had not yet compiled

any of its housing statistics for 1987.

The housing comparisons demonstrate a general population shift in St. Clair and Madison Counties, said Tom Wobbe, director of the the Southern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission.

"The growth tends to be in the bluffs communities, the building reports will show the same thing ... Some of the people are moving from the lower areas to the higher areas," said Wobbe.

While Madison County's population of 247,856 has grown slightly since the 1980 U.S. Census, topping 250,000 in some estimates, the population growth in the bluffs communities has far surpassed the county's overall growth rate, which indicates the bluffs projections indicate this trend will continue.

Wobbe attributed the trend to:

(1) The advent of the interstate highway system in Metro East, allowing people to live farther away from where they work.

(2) The belief that it is cheap-

er to build homes in undeveloped areas rather than redeveloping older communities such as Granite City.

(3) The availability of land.

"The city of Granite City has little ground left for development ... and what there is, is real tough to develop," Wobbe said.

He also said that, because Granite City's population is projected to grow only slightly in the coming years, it is hard for developers to financially justify building large numbers of homes or apartments.

The city's economic director, Alan Orbital, agreed that the city's available vacant land, because of drainage and sewer problems, tends to be more expensive to build on. But he said the city should be building more residential housing than it is, to keep residents who work in the city from moving out-of-town.

Orbital said he realizes that the city is losing some of its residential population to other areas of the county and that he would like to see that trend reversed.

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GC chief joins Major Case board

By Georgann McGee
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis has elected Granite City Police Chief Col. Bob Astorian as a member of its board of directors.

Astorian was an earlier supporter of the Major Case Squad, which investigates homicides and other crimes in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"I've always been a great sponsor of the Major Case," Astorian said. He described the appointment as a "really great" opportunity.

The permanent position will require Astorian to review criminal cases under investigation and to decide, along with other board members, when the squad will supply officers to area police or sheriff's departments.

In 1988, Granite City Police asked the squad for assistance two hours after the discovery of the double-murder of real estate agent Carl Hoffman and his wife, Susan. The squad was first used here in 1976 when an elderly woman was beaten to death and her house set on fire. Unlike

the Hoffman case which ended in an arrest and conviction, the first case remains unsolved.

Last year, the squad was called in to investigate the fatal beating Oct. 22 of Nancy Bennett, a night clerk at Huck's Convenience Store, Pontoon Beach. No arrests have been made in that homicide.

Astorian said the squad is usually called after a serious crime has occurred and there is "really nothing to go on."

The case he remembers most vividly is another unsolved murder and his first as a member of the Major Case Squad. A St. Charles man was killed by a shot fired through a window as he sat in his home.

"We worked day and night," Astorian said. The squad's efforts revealed the victim's complex background, but failed to pinpoint a suspect.

"I've been involved with the Major Case almost since its very inception," said Astorian, who was an officer in the unit in 1965. The squad was formed in 1964.

At that time, members attended five-day seminars in criminal investigation and attended a

series of training lectures. Astorian said the training has proven invaluable.

He served until 1970 and was reappointed again in about 1977. Besides serving as an investigating member, he was personnel officer and report officer, in charge of preparing a synopsis of each investigation at its conclusion.

Last November, Astorian attended his first board meeting as an observer prior to his official appointment in December. The board includes St. Clair County Sheriff Meiri Justus and Alton Police Chief Donald Sandridge, who also serves as commander of the case squad.

The board's latest project is to purchase radios for the squad, rather than having officers depend on equipment supplied by host departments at the scene.

Local police chiefs must request assistance from the Major Case Squad within five hours of a crime and provide office space, food and shelter. Salaries and overtime are paid by the home cities of each officer.

Appellate court reverses decision

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A 1985 contempt of court citation against former Belleville Area College Chancellor Bruce Wissore was reversed Thursday by the Fifth District Court of Appeals.

The court ruled that Wissore shouldn't have been found in contempt because BAC Trustee Elizabeth Jenner didn't have the right to take legal action against him, said Edward Brennan, Wissore's attorney.

The ruling also said that if Jenner wanted to take legal action, she should have sued the board. If action was to have been taken against Wissore, it should have been done by the board and not by Jenner alone.

"It was a very strongly written opinion," Brennan said.

Wissore was found in contempt Nov. 5, 1985 by St. Clair County Circuit Judge Joseph Cunningham for violating a court order, sought by Jenner, that prohibited him from using college money and facilities for the promotion of a tax increase referendum. The referendum

Bruce Wissore

was defeated by voters the same day.

Jenner alleged that Wissore violated an Oct. 30, 1985 order by Harold P. Karandjett, president of the American National Bank of Granite City. Karandjett said the increase exceeded all forecasts made during formation of the bank.

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Trash fee beginning in Madison

By Gary King
Staff writer

MADISON — The city will begin enforcing a trash hauling fee for the removal of refuse, said Mayor John Bellcoff at the Dec. 29 meeting of the City Council.

Bellcoff said the fee ordinance was passed Oct. 20 by the council.

The ordinance calls for a \$10 fee to be charged by the city for the removal of mattresses or box springs; \$5 for the removal of couches and other large household items; and \$3 per chair.

All items not included in any of these categories will be picked up by the city at a rate of \$4 per cubic yard, under the terms of the ordinance.

The fees must be paid to City Comptroller Rick Tutka prior to the refuse being picked up.

"We've been doing this as a public service for the people, but we just can't do that anymore," Bellcoff said. "The

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Handwriting expert testifies concerning county petitions

EDWARDSVILLE — At least 64 of the signatures on petitions calling for a vote on changing the form of Madison County government aren't genuine, a handwriting expert testified Thursday.

The petitions, containing 627 signatures, were filed Christmas Eve by Bob Barton, a Granite City Republican. They call for a vote in the March 15 primary election on a change to the county executive form of government.

Two Madison County Board members, Vasil Eftimoff, D-Granite City, and Homer Henke, R-Metro, are challenging the petitions. They say the petitions lack the required number of valid signatures to submit the issue to voters. State law requires 500 signatures.

The handwriting expert, William Storer, St. Louis, said he reached his conclusions by comparing signatures with each other and with signatures on voter registration cards.

Among the dubious signatures he found were ones that purported to be those of noted Republicans R. Milhous Nixon and G. Gordon Liddy.

Storer said he believes that two signatures of persons who circulated petitions also weren't genuine.

The challengers also claim that 327 signatures shouldn't be counted because they list inadequate addresses, including some which identify the signer's city of residence as "G.C.," which could be Granite City or Glen Carbon.

William C. "Chuck" Evers III, attorney for the petitioners, said it was clear where the signers lived and that statutes were "substantially complied with."

In lengthy testimony, Storer said it appeared that in many cases the same person had signed more than one name to the petitions.

At a continuation of the hearing Friday, Margaret Nonn, Granite City, testified that she didn't sign the petition. Evers said, Nonn's name appears on the petition, but is misspelled.

Evers contended that a person's handwriting can change with age, he said. Some of the voter registration cards used for comparison were signed more than 40 years ago, he said.

Evers said he showed that

Eftimoff's and Henke's signatures on their voter cards differed from their signatures on the objection.

O'Neill will take the testimony under advisement, Evers said.

Barton said Friday that some of the signatures that are alleged to be forged are signatures of husbands signed by their wives, or vice versa.

If there's a forgery, I want them out," he said.

Under the county executive form of government, voters would elect a county executive at large. Currently, the 29-member County Board elects a board chairman from among the board members. Nellie Hagauer, D-Granite City, serves as chairman.

A county executive would have significantly more power than a board chairman, including the power to veto board actions, prepare and submit budgets and perform certain functions through executive order.

Opponents say the change is uneeded and would increase expenses.

Barton said he believes the county's top executive should be directly accountable to voters.



Thursday, Jan. 10, 1983
A 20 percent increase in the bank's deposits in 1982 was reported yesterday by Harold P. Karandjett, president of the American National Bank of Granite City. Karandjett said the increase exceeded all forecasts made during formation of the bank.

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The envelope, please ...

In the Jan. 6 edition of the Journal, a voluntary subscription envelope was enclosed.

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Post 307 VIPs

RARE COINCIDENCE: Four heads of statewide veterans organizations meet at the Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307 in Venice in late December, where all have membership in either the post or auxiliary. From left are Joe White, president of the Department of Illinois American Legion Auxiliary; Bud Creamer, Granite City, Grand Chief De Gare (equivalent to president) of the 40 and 8, Grande Voiture d Illinois, and Jack Tolliver, Edwardsville, state commander of U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, Dept. of Missouri. All four are serving 1987-88 terms.

Lady of Snows plans Bible study

An Ecumenical Marian Bible Study will be held Mondays on Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the Dr. Tom Dooley Center at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville.

The study is co-sponsored by the Belleville Diocesan Office of Adult Education, the St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs, and the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

The Rev. Francis Cleary, S.J., St. Louis University, will be the study leader all four nights and will concentrate on Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The order of the collaborative study was taken from the book "Mary, in the New Testament." Following the presentations, there will be two responders and a question-and-answer period.

Registration is required and limited. Pre-registration is suggested. The cost is \$2.50 for a single evening, \$8 for four evenings.

For additional information, contact the Rev. Bob Elmer, DM1, 397-6700 (TTY).

Computers, TVs, parts to be sold

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, Scott Air Force Base, will have a local spot bid sale on Jan. 16 in Granite City.

PC (personal computer) equipment (various manufacturers, some IBM compatible) will be sold, plus televisions, furniture, equipment parts, office supplies, office equipment, and other items.

Property may be inspected at Warehouse 5, Section 1, St. Louis Area Support Center, Granite City, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 and noon to 5 p.m. on Jan. 13, 14 and 15.

The spot bid will be conducted at the all-purpose auditorium, SLASC Bldg. 104.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the bidding will start at 9 a.m. Jan. 16.

Catalogs of the items may be obtained at the inspection site. The general public is invited.

Financial planning seminar Tuesday

IRA planning and personal financial and tax planning seminars will be conducted by Frank Adams, Madison County Federal's financial planning manager.

The seminars will begin at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 and Feb. 9 in the lobby of the savings and loan at 3600 Nameoki Road.

The IRA (individual retirement account) seminar in Granite City is set for Tuesday, Jan. 12, and the personal financial and tax planning seminar will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9. For more information, call Frank or Jane at 876-3800.

Friends invited to Branding party

Friends of Fred Branding, 85 Riviera Drive, are invited to celebrate his 85th birthday with him at an open house at Anchor-age Recreation Center, 2900 Edwards St., between 1 and 5 p.m. today (Sunday).

Branding was in the grocery business for many years at Branding's Market.

Fisher charged in sex attack

EDWARDSVILLE — Triple-murder suspect Anthony Fisher, Alton, has been charged with sexually attacking another male inmate in the Madison County jail in Edwardsville.

Fisher, 26, was charged with criminal sexual assault in an information filed by the state's attorney's office. The attack allegedly occurred Dec. 23.

Fisher's trial on three counts of murder and one count each of home invasion and armed robbery is expected to start Feb. 22.

He and Steven Hoffstetter, 29, also from Alton, were charged in connection with the robbery and

slayings of three persons near Edwardsville in October 1985.

The bodies of Christopher Shrom, 26, Kevin Burch, 25, and Della Riggins, 20, were found in the ruins of a burned-out farm house. All had been shot to death.

Mr. Burch and Miss Riggins were former Granite City residents.

Hoffstetter was sentenced to natural life in prison July 1 for the murders. He received concurrent 30-year prison terms for home invasion and armed robbery.

Parkview fund-raiser completed

GRANITE CITY — Nancy Marti, Parkview Elementary School principal, and Cynthia Schroeder, Parkview PTA president, have announced the completion of a successful fund-raising program at the school.

The three top salesmen were Jeremy McCoy, a second grader who raised \$943 and won a television; Steven Schroeder, a first grader who sold \$530 worth of items and won a Commodore 64 computer; and Craig Harrison, who had sales of \$502 and won a microwave oven.

The top selling class was Shur-ette Meier's second graders, totaling \$2,977. They will celebrate their achievement with a pizza party.

Top sellers by class were Joshua Shrum, Andrea Hand and

Brett Briggs, Kindergarten; Steven Schroeder and April Gaspie, first grade; Jeremy McCoy and Matthew Whitehead, second grade; Emily Worthen, Casey Gaudette and Tabitha Soechting, third grade; Gareth Wilson, primary handicapped; Jeremy Petrari, intermediate handicapped; Jamie Wivczarski and Christine Johnson, fourth grade; Andrea Dillon and Dawn Derosette, fifth grade; and Craig Harrison and Shannon Green, sixth grade.

Profits will help pay for the school carnival, yearbook, in-school and out-of-school field trips, educational materials, playground equipment and other activities and materials for the children.

Personalized coupons coming to region's Schnucks stores

Schnuck Markets Inc. has announced installation of the Coupon Solution, an electronic system which prints and distributes coupons at the checkout stands.

Personalized Checkout Coupons were available in 35 St. Louis area stores effective Jan. 4. All remaining St. Louis area stores will implement the system in January.

"Schnucks has been working for four years with Catalina Marketing Corp. to bring this technology and capability to our stores for the benefit of our customers," said Scott Schnuck, vice president, marketing/merchandising.

"Personalized Checkout Coupons bring a new dimension to our marketing capabilities and offer another tremendous savings opportunity to consumers."

The Coupon Solution works by tracking purchases as they are scanned at the checkout, and then printing out coupons for products which relate in some way to the customer's selections.

For example, a peanut butter coupon may be issued following a customer's purchase of jelly, or a peanut butter purchase may trigger a coupon for a competing brand of peanut butter. Product manufacturers and Schnucks determine those items which will serve as triggers and the subsequent coupons to be printed.

The principal value of the coupons is that they're tailored to such customer's individual buying habits. Because the coupons are strategically targeted, redemption levels are anticipated to be dramatically higher than normal coupon redemption levels.

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Secret Service guarding Simon

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WASHINGTON — At least one presidential candidate has gotten into trouble because of the company he keeps, but Democratic hopeful Sen. Paul Simon in 1988 will have some company that aims to keep him out of trouble.

As of Jan. 11, Simon qualifies to receive 24-hour-a-day Secret Service protection.

Simon spokesman Jim Killpatrick said the contingent of officers will accompany the Illinoisan wherever he goes, which may create some difficulties for the campaign.

"Obviously, for us it imposes some changes," Killpatrick said. "For example, I know they don't like surprises. You can't change your schedule."

Some presidential candidates celebrate the presence of the Secret Service on the theory, the agents — all equipped in generic dark suits with wires sticking in their ears — provide a presidential-like atmosphere for the campaign.

Others, however, prefer the flexibility of campaigning without the agents.

"It does sort of inhibit your freedom of movement," said Date Tate, spokeswoman for the campaign of Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas.

Most of the 13 major candidates have been offered protection, but Simon is only the fifth to accept it. Vice President George Bush automatically receives protection. A Republican candidate, the Rev. Pat Robertson, and Democrat Jesse Jackson requested protection late last year because of reported threats to their security. Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., began to be protected Jan. 4.

Whom the Secret Service will protect is decided by a five-member panel consisting of the Republican and Democratic leaders in both chambers of Congress, as well as a fifth member chosen by the other four.

This year, Dole bowed out of the panel because he is a candi-

date and was replaced by Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo. The fifth member this year is ex-Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell.

The Secret Service, true to its name, will release few details about the protection.

"It's not in our interest to tell you very much. The lower the profile we keep, the easier it is on us," Service spokesman Bill Corbett said.

"We're responsible for creating a secure environment wherever the candidate goes. That means his house, his hotel, the car he drives, the plane."

Killpatrick said agents had visited Simon's house in Mankato, Minn., to see if there will be special problems in protecting the senator there. He would not say how many agents would be assigned to the senator.

The Secret Service will begin to protect Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., on Jan. 20, while the others will begin to be protected later.

Aviation electronics class takes off at college campus

Persons interested in the aviation electronics field may begin taking night classes during the spring semester at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College.

Avionics electricity (AVE 101-60), the introductory course in the program, will be available at night for the first time.

The class will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 16 weeks beginning Jan. 19.

Tuition cost of the six credit hour course is \$168.

For information, persons may call Harold Johnson, dean of instruction at the Granite City Campus, 1-800-BAC-5131, extensions 441 or 442, on or after Jan. 4.

"The recommendation from our advisory committee is that there is a market for aviation electronics at night," said Johnson. "This is one way the Granite City Campus is working to meet the diverse needs of its students and potential students."

The aviation electronics advisory committee includes program coordinator Tony Wasson,

current students and seven individuals working for avionics-related companies: TWA, McDonnell Douglas, Midcoast Aviation, Ellison Electronics Inc., Premier Air, Ozark Aircraft Radio, and Southwest Bell.

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Your 1987 income taxes

Simplified income tax code is anything but, experts say

By Roger McGrath
Staff affiliate

First of five articles
To death and taxes, the only things certain in this life, let's add a corollary:
When Congress makes an effort to simplify the tax code, it actually renders Form 1040 and its attachments more complex.
The 1988 tax law, the one governing your 1987 tax filing, is no exception.

Purportedly written to make this annually taxing rite simpler as well as fairer, the law fails on both counts, tax accountants say.

"Many taxpayers are going to be surprised at the number of forms they'll have to file," says Mark A. Dow, tax partner in the St. Louis office of Coopers & Lybrand, a major accounting firm.

"They'll also be surprised at the fees they'll pay for professional tax preparation," adds Steven A. Schumm, of Ernst & Whinney, another Big Eight accounting firm. The reason for the fee hike is that the increased complexity of tax law will force Schumm and colleagues nationwide to spend more time than in the past preparing each individual income tax return.

"I'm going crazy and I know the rules," complains Ernst & Whinney partner John O. Niemann.

If the pros are confused, how is average Joe? Taxpayer supposed to calculate his 1987 income tax liability?
To alert you to major changes in tax law and perhaps help you over some rough spots, we will, over the next few weeks, dissect the personal income-tax forms with the assistance of the Internal Revenue Service and local accountants.

These stories are by no means the last word on figuring your 1987 tax bill. Our best advice: Consult a professional tax preparer.

His or her likely first tip: Don't use your 1986 tax filing as a guide to completing this year's return. Form 1040 for 1987 is a whole new ballgame.

Read both the 1040 and the instruction booklet line-by-line, advises Ralph F. Shilling, director of the IRS' St. Louis office.

Good advice, says Niemann. "Actually, the federal government in the instructions does a pretty good job of translating complex tax law into understandable language, he adds.

YOUR TAXES IN 1988

The most dramatic feature of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 is that it cut the number of income brackets to two in 1988 from 15 in 1986. The 15 brackets carried tax rates ranging from 11 percent on the lowest incomes to 50 percent on the highest.

Beginning in 1988 the tax rate is 15 percent for single persons earning \$17,850 and married couples reporting \$29,750 on a joint return; 28 percent is the rate for income above those limits.

But for 1987, the transition year, there are five tax brackets with a top rate of 33.5 percent. The personal exemption was boosted to \$1,500 (vs. \$1,080 in 1986) and the standard deduction to \$2,540 for singles and \$3,760 for joint returns.

To "pay" for the lower tax rates, Congress eliminated many deductions taxpayers are accustomed to, and broadened the income that is subject to taxation.

Mortgage interest, a one-time Congressional target, remains fully deductible, virtually the only personal deduction to survive the 1986 act intact.

Among the casualties:
•Only medical expenses exceeding 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income are deductible.

•Sales taxes are no longer deductible. Nor are educational travel, and contributions to political campaigns.

•Just 65 percent of the interest paid on credit card debt, auto loans and other personal borrowings can be deducted in 1987. By 1991, that interest will not be deductible.

•Taxpayers must itemize on Schedule A to claim charitable contributions and moving expenses.

•With miscellaneous expenses such as union dues and unreimbursed employee business expenses, only the amount exceeding 2 percent of adjusted gross income can be deducted.
•The \$3,000 deduction allowed when two wage earners file a joint return was repealed.

•Tax-free contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts were limited.
Plus, all income is now treated the same; there are no capital gains or dividend exclusions, so those sources in 1987 are taxed as ordinary income.

So, too, are unemployment compensation, the first six months of sick pay, prizes and awards and, in some instances, scholarships. Social Security recipients who earn \$18,000 (\$32,000 on joint returns) must pay taxes on half their government pension.

And taxpayers earning \$149,250 or more cannot claim any personal exemptions.

When taxpayers finally put pencil to Form 1040 and struggle through the calculations, the resulting "hue and cry" will be reminiscent of the uproar caused when the IRS ruled that business use of automobiles should be "contemporaneously" logged, says Niemann, of Ernst & Whinney.

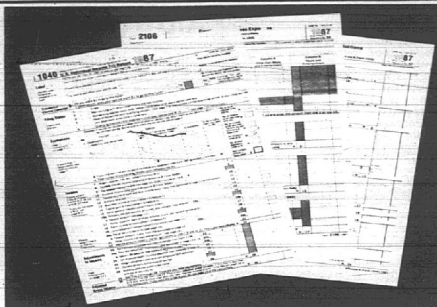
Look for taxpayers age 65 and over and the blind to squawk, tax professionals predict. The reason is they no longer will get an extra personal exemption.

These taxpayers, though, do claim a higher standard deduction.

But the complaints of seniors and the blind are likely to fall on deaf ears in other quarters, where taxpayers are worried about other facets of the law such as interest deductions or the alternative minimum tax, says Steven J. Brown, tax partner with Rubin, Brown, Gornstein & Co. in Clayton.
That will mute the outcry over the tax law, he argues.

Still, he agrees with Niemann on one point: Calculating individual income taxes "is going to be more difficult this year," Brown says.

Next: The Kiddie Tax, or why you can no longer shelter income under Junior's Social Security number.



Employers have until Jan. 31 to provide employees' W-2s

A W-2 form listing your 1987 wages and the total amounts deducted from your payroll checks should be in your hands by Jan. 31, the Internal Revenue Service says.

If not, ask your employer for the completed W-2, the IRS advises.

Taxpayers who have not received the form by Feb. 15 should notify the IRS. Tax collectors will need the employer's name, address and employer identification or Social Security number.

You should receive a W-2 from every employer you worked for during the year.

The form lists your gross wages for 1987, plus the total

amount of federal and state income tax, and Social Security tax withheld during the year.
The W-2 is attached to your tax return.

If you held two or more jobs in 1987 and earned more than \$43,000, too much Social Security tax might have been withheld, the IRS reports.

Any Social Security tax withheld in excess of \$31.70 can be applied against the income tax bill.

Taxpayers who had too much pension tax withheld and who had just one employer in 1987 cannot claim that credit. Rather, the employer should be instructed to adjust the overcollection, the IRS says.

IRS staff offers extended hours

Help is just a phone call away. The Internal Revenue Service's specially trained telephone staff is standing by at (1-314) 342-1040. And beginning Jan. 16, the staff members are on duty 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

For more detailed background on the tax law and how to figure your tax liability, you might want to get some IRS publications, such as No. 920, Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for Individuals, or No. 583, Highlights of 1987 Tax Changes.

No. 501 covers Exemptions and Standard Deductions.

No. 525 explains Taxable and Non-taxable Income and No. 910 is a Guide to Free Tax Services, forms and publications.

To order forms and publications, which are shipped within 48 hours, call toll-free 1-800-424-3676. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For recorded tax and refund information, call toll-free 1-800-554-4477. (The local telephone directory also shows 1-800-424-1040 as an information number.)

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Chairman

Q. Do you have any serious comments about interest during the Holiday Season and for the coming year?

A. Yes. We'd like to take this time to offer a few comments about prime interest. Not the prime interest rate, but Prime Interest... for you, your family and your loved ones, and for our community as a whole. We've thoroughly enjoyed visiting with you each week and our desire is that through our answers to your questions, you may understand just a little bit better, how the economy works, and that we may have helped with a specific problem or have given you a tip that will help your money go a little farther. We also hope you've gotten to know us better. We'll continue these weekly visits with you in the coming year. But, for now, our Prime Interest is that you and yours enjoy a safe, healthy, happy and prosperous new year. Our Prime Interest is not centered in terms of percentages, but rather, in terms of friendship and good will, this season and every season.

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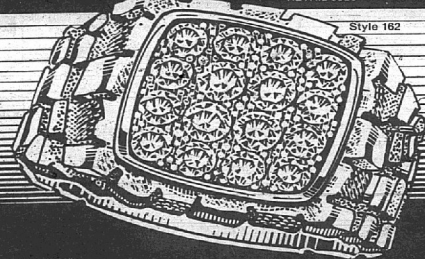
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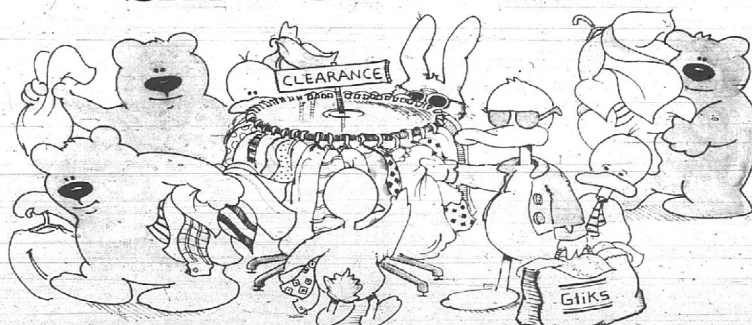
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School Menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Manager's choice
Tuesday - Meat loaf, whipped potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, applesauce.
Wednesday - Sloppy joe on bun, tater tots, baked beans, chilled fruit.
Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, vegetables, fruit cup.
Friday - Fish plate, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit cup.
Madison Public Schools
Monday - Cheeseburger, french fries, fruit cup.
Tuesday - Pork patties, corn bread, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce.
Wednesday - Chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, peaches.
Thursday - Fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, corn, gelatin.
Friday - Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, pears.
Venice Public Schools
Monday - Chicken pattie on bun, mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes, peas.
Tuesday - Chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, peaches.
Wednesday - Beef stew, beets, corn bread, fruit cup.
Thursday - Hot dog on bun, french fries, cookies.
Friday - Fish sandwich, corn, pickles and onions, lemon cake.
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
Monday - Pizza, corn, peanut butter bread, apple sauce, graham cracker cookie.
Tuesday - Hot dog on bun, french fries, mixed veggies, sugar cookies, orange jello.
Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, sliced cheese, stuffed celery, pears.
Thursday - Hamburger on bun, cheese, baked beans, pickles, cherry jello.
Friday - No school - teachers' institute.
St. Elizabeth
Monday - Hot dog, baked beans, potato chips, pudding.
Tuesday - Barbecued hamburger,

er, tater tots, vegetables, chocolate cake.
Wednesday - Chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, apple sauce.
Thursday - Pizza, vegetables, fruit, cookie.
Friday - Cheese pups, french fries, vegetables, jello parfait.

St. Margaret Mary
Monday - Hamburger or cheeseburger on bun, peas, french fries, pickles, raisins and peanuts.
Tuesday - Pizza, mixed vegetables, slaw, chocolate cake.
Wednesday - Chili or chili mac, crackers, sliced cheese, carrot and celery sticks, fruit.
Thursday - Baked whole turkey, mashed potatoes or rice, green beans, lettuce, applesauce.
Friday - Cheese nachos, slaw, carrot and celery sticks, jello.
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AIDS program set for Tuesday

GRANITE CITY - The first of five informational programs dealing with AIDS is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wilson Elementary School, 2400 Wilson Ave., for Wilson and Parkway Elementary School parents.

The program will consist of a videotape presentation, a talk by Superintendent Gib Walmsley and a question and answer session, said Tom C. Holloway, District 9's director of vocational and career education.

The videotape, donated by Home Box Office, features U.S.

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop answering questions about AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

Due to the nature of the program, parents are asked not to bring their children to the presentation, Holloway said.

Four other presentations are planned for district elementary schools and for parochial schools, Holloway said. The programs are sponsored by the Granite City Area Council of PTAs.

16 selected for dean's list at SIU-Edwardsville

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has admitted 16 students to membership in Dean's College, the undergraduate honors program. Included are Granite City residents.

Those selected are outstanding freshmen, sophomores, or juniors with a 4.5 grade point average on a 5.0 scale.



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Adds to degrees

Robert J. Pieper, Granite City, received a bachelor of arts degree, to add to the associate degrees in science and arts he's received, from the Columbia College campus in Columbia, Mo., on Dec. 19.



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Obituaries

Beedle

Albert Wayne Beedle, 59, 2517 E. John Cabot, Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Granite City, died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 1988, at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was ill about two years and entered the hospital on Jan. 4.

Born Feb. 29, 1928, in Illinois, Mr. Beedle grew up in the West Granite City area and later resided for many years on Venice Avenue.

He and his wife, Irma (Mitchell) Beedle, who survives, also lived in Collinsville prior to moving 2 1/2 years ago to Phoenix. Mrs. Beedle is a former school bus driver in the Granite City School District.

Before retiring as a diesel engineer in February 1978, Mr. Beedle was employed 30 years at Granite City Steel. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean war.

He was of the Protestant faith. Also surviving are a son, Randy Beedle, Phoenix; five daughters, Mrs. Paulette Brand, Granite City; Mrs. Dennis (Waynette) Mohr, Germany; Mrs. Rex (Claudette) Brown, Collinsville; and Mrs. Tony (Lynette) Trout and Mrs. Troy (Annette) Anderson, both of Phoenix; a brother, Clinton Beedle, Charleston, S.C.; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Campbell, San Antonio, Texas; and 10 grandchildren.

Friends will visit today (Sunday) at Shadow Mountain Mortuary, Phoenix, where services will be conducted by the Rev. Gordon Mesic at 1 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at Phoenix Memorial Park Cemetery.

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Discerning shopper can spot dubious mail-order sources

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But before you dial, the Missouri Society of CPAs recommends you follow a few simple steps to avoid some of the most common pitfalls of mail-order shopping. While the vast majority of catalog companies are reputable, there are some that should be avoided, the society says. And most of them can be spotted easily, it adds.

These are the society's tips: The first thing to remember is that if it looks too good to be true, it probably is. Be suspicious of mail-order advertisements or catalogs that offer remarkably low prices. Quality merchandise is often available at discounted prices, but remember that the manufacturer and distributor are in business to make a profit. So they won't sell you designer fashions at 70 percent off, for instance.

In some cases, such merchandise may be counterfeit or a "gray market product," one that was imported outside the normal channels of distribution. Counterfeit products very often feature shoddy construction and no warranty. Gray market goods are name-brand merchandise, but usually do not offer a manufacturer's warranty. In addition, a

gray market product may be imported with foreign language instructions. There are a number of other steps you can take as well. The first is to contact your local Better Business Bureau before ordering from a mail-order house for the first time. Your local Better Business Bureau will contact its counterpart in the city in which the mail-order company is located to determine if any complaints have been received about the company. Remember that most companies will have at least a few complaints filed against them. But if complaints were frequent or not adequately addressed, you may want to spend your money elsewhere.

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Veterans to submit verification forms

The V.A. Annual Eligibility Verification Report will be mailed throughout the year of 1988 to veterans and dependents currently receiving pension benefits from the Veterans Administration.

In order for V.A. benefits to continue uninterrupted, the Veri-

fication Report must be completed and returned promptly.

For assistance in applying for veterans' benefits, persons may call or visit the nearest office of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs at 217-782-6641, said IDVA Director John W. Johnston.

Woman suffers gunshot wound

Madison County detectives are investigating the shooting of a woman who suffered a wound to her abdomen about 9:40 p.m. Wednesday on Bluebird Lane.

The woman, believed to be in her 20s, is being treated in a hospital.

"There are no indications of foul play," said Detective Rick Weisenborn.

He said Friday the investigation is not yet complete.

Houses

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Granite City has few new houses

"People do not have to live in the areas where they work. What they are doing is taking their paycheck home and spending it in other communities," Orthals said. He said he thought new apartments would be easily filled in the city.

Orthals said Granite City in the past tended to develop as a "two-legged" stool by concentrating on heavy industry and letting retail and residential areas develop around those industries. He said the city must begin redeveloping and rehabilitating its older neighborhoods independently.

He said that is an area he plans to concentrate on after a proposed downtown shopping center gets off the ground.

But Orthals said he didn't think housing statistics gave a complete growth picture of the community.

"Just because Granite City is not building a lot of housing units does not mean we're not growing," Orthals said. He said he didn't want to get "stuck on who is living in what areas."

Nelson Hediger Sr., who owns 38 apartment units in Granite City, said it has been his experience in recent years that it is getting harder for landlords to rent apartments in Granite City. "I think we've got enough (apartments). It's very competitive," Hediger said.

Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

- Tri-City Regional Port District, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, District Office, 2801 Rock Road.
- Nameoki Township, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, Township Office, 4250 Illinois 111.
- Pontoon Beach Village Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Village Hall, 3910 Illinois 111.
- Long Lake Fire Protection District, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Fire Hall, 4113 Pontoon Road.
- Madison City Council, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, City Hall, 1801 Third St., Madison.
- Venice School Board, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Board Offices, Broadway and Seventh Street, Venice.

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Disputed zoning requests will be heard this week

By Dave Gosnell
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Two controversial rezoning requests will be heard this week.

One involves a rezoning request by Baptist Church, 2025 Johnson Road. The church wants part of its land rezoned from a residential to a commercial classification.

The church's petition was first heard before the Planning Commission on Dec. 10. The commission deferred action on the request, citing a need for more information on the past zoning of the property. The church had contended the land was zoned for commercial use before the city's zoning ordinance was adopted in 1981.

The property is listed as residential on the city's zoning map. The request is to be heard at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

A neighborhood group, the Clark-Mercer Neighborhood Federation, opposes the request, fearing rezoning would mean the church could sell its property and open the area for commercial buildings. The group also contends that the church does not need a commercial classification.

2 hurt in head-on collision

Two Pontoon Beach men were injured, one seriously, in a head-on collision at 8:20 a.m. Friday in the 4000 block of Pontoon Road.

Brian A. Basore, 27, 5 Westgate Drive, suffered apparent head injuries in the crash and was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where his condition was listed as fair Friday night.

Basore's car was heading east when it crossed into the west-bound lane of Pontoon Road, colliding head-on with a auto operated by Ronnie Martin, 34, 25 Victoria Drive, Pontoon Beach, reports said. A Pontoon Beach police officer failed to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Martin, whose chest hit the steering wheel and dashboard, suffered extensive bruises. He was treated at the SEMC emergency room and was released. The accident occurred at the end of a bad 18-hour stretch for Martin, who owns and operates a Plumbing Service Center, 4001 Pontoon Road.

cation to build an addition.

The federation has opposed several recent Johnson Road rezonings, including a rezoning of a church property. The church joined as a petitioner to change adjacent land from residential to commercial. The rezoning would allow a rezoning of the church property to a commercial classification.

White's previous request for a zoning exception have been turned down by the Plan Commission and the Board of Appeals and the City Council. His new request is scheduled to be heard at the Jan. 13 BOA meeting at City Hall.

White is asking the appeals board to reverse a city zoning office decision in which it was determined that White's use of an alley for a parking lot entrance is against the city's zoning law.

Some nearby residents and 4th Ward Aldermen Dan Partney and Sharon Perjak have strongly opposed granting White a variance. Any action by the BOA or the commission would have to be approved by the City Council.

At 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Martin was killed at a stop sign on Breckenridge Lane at Pontoon Road when a Jeep operated by a Belleville man struck the truck in the rear.

After that mishap, Martin was examined and had X-rays taken at the medical center's emergency room.

"You should see me, I look a mess," Martin said Friday evening about his bruises. "I just hope I can get home from work tonight."

Almost at the same location and within minutes of the Basore-Martin accident, another minor accident occurred in the 4000 block of Pontoon Road.

Susan E. Miller, 35, 4134 North Drive, was stopped in traffic near the accident scene when her car was struck from the rear by a van driven by Paul E. Morris, 35, 3544 Lynch Ave. Both vehicles were westbound.

Morris was ticketed for driving with a suspended license, failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Snow joyful, it says here

By Bernard J. Turnock

D. Director, Illinois Department of Public Health

People's attitudes toward snow vary depending on their viewpoint. It can be a beautiful sight, it can be a warm, cozy place looking out. It can be a source of joy if you're a skier. Or, snow can be a nuisance if you have to shovel it.

If you fall into this last category, remember that shoveling snow is extremely hard work, especially if you pick up large loads and then lift them some distance. You should not shovel snow unless you are in peak physical condition.

Every winter there are a few people who experience heart attacks while shoveling snow. Many of these are people who are not in peak condition and cannot avoid shoveling snow, remember your limits.

Red Devils maintain league supremacy; top Pioneers, 76-59

By Dave Whaley

Executive sports editor

EAST ST. LOUIS — For years, the Red Devils have been looking for someone — anyone — to give them a run for their money in the Illini-Gateway Conference.

Highland St. Paul (before the school closed) and Metro East Lutheran at times have been competitive. But for the most part, the conference has been the exclusive domain of Venice. This year, East St. Louis Assumption joined the conference and was supposed to give the Devils a fight for league honors.

They still might, but if Friday's game was any indication, the defending champions are still far ahead of the Pioneers. The Devils shot out in front early and were never really in serious trouble as they rolled to a 76-59 win. They are now 4-0 in conference play and 8-2 overall. Assumption dropped to 6-5 and is 1-1 in league play.

"You never know how two teams match up against each other based on one game," said Venice coach Jimmie Harris. "But we had a good night tonight. We worked really hard on defense in practice this week."

The defense against the Pioneers' 6-6 sophomore center, Ian Stanback, wasn't great, but Venice didn't mind. Stanback

VENICE SCORING 22 14 22 18-76
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VENICE: Turner 22 (2 3-pointers), Briggs 18 (2 3-pointers), Jackson 14, King 10, Wiley 9, Hottle 4.
FG 28/50 (4 3-pointers), FT 14/19, PF 12.
ES ASSUMPTION: Stambaugh 22, Olson 19, Mason 5 (1 3-pointer), Robinson 4, Harris 2, Stewart 2.
FG 25/55 (1 3-pointer), FT 4/12, PF 15.

muscle inside" for 27 points, but the Pioneers were without any outside scoring threat. Monte Dixon had 19 points, but 10 of those came on five slam dunks. No one else managed more than five points.

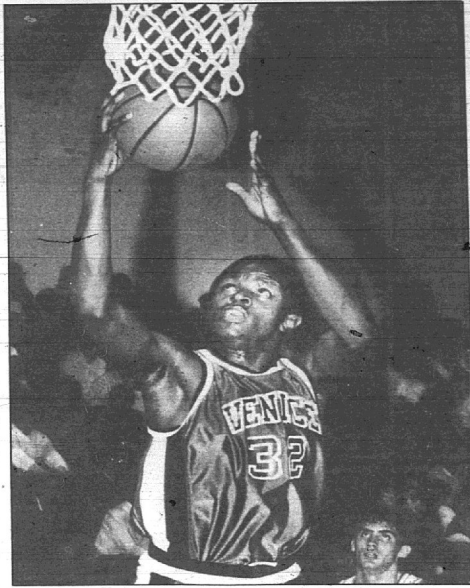
"They were concentrating on getting the ball inside to their big man," Harris said. "We let them do that and let them have the outside shots and they didn't have a good game shooting."

Assumption shot only 35 percent from the field while the Devils slowly but surely pulled away. They led 22-13 after one quarter and the Pioneers got only as close as 22-18 before Carlos Briggs (18 points) hit a three-pointer. Dale Turner, who led the Devils with 22 points, made four free throws in the final 20 seconds of the half to extend the lead to 36-24.

Turner and Briggs each hit three-pointers early in the third quarter and Venice's lead was quickly up to 20 points. They coasted from there.

"We thought we had a letdown

(See DEVILS, Page 7A)



HOSEA KING scores for the Devils on an easy layup. (Staff photo by Dave Whaley)

Warriors close, but get no cigar

By Gary King
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The song is called "Close But No Cigar." And Friday wasn't the first time the basketball Warriors have whistled it.

Granite City watched a win in the making become another win gone by the wayside as the Belleville West Maroons rattled off six straight points in the final two minutes to escape Memorial Gymnasium with a 50-47 Southwestern Conference victory.

"Close, but yet so far..." Warrior coach Don Detering mumbled in the locker room after the loss.

Same song, different verse.

After falling behind 42-35 early in the fourth quarter, Granite City rallied to take a 46-44 lead with two minutes left on a pair of buckets by center Kevin Sanders and a standard three-point shot by guard Mike A. Wilkinson.

What followed was a two-minute Warrior nightmare. Same song, different verse. Back-to-back baskets by Maroon center Jeff Hassenstab sandwiched between a Warrior turnover by forward Jody Crenshaw gave Belleville West a 48-46 lead with 50 seconds left on the clock.

After Sanders missed the front end of a one-and-one attempt with 35 seconds left, Maroon guard Tad Smith all but iced his squad's win with a short jumper, giving West a 50-46 advantage.

SCORING 10 10 13 14-52
GRANITE CITY 15 10 12 11-47
BELLEVILLE WEST: Hassenstab 12, Shepherd 10,
Hottle 4, Zuber 5, Smith 4, Hall 3.
GRANITE CITY: Sanders 15, Miller 10, Mike A.
Wilkinson 5, Van Buskirk 5, Burton 4, Crenshaw 4.

Warrior point guard John Van Buskirk connected on a free throw to cut the Maroon lead to three with five seconds left. But any hopes of tying the score were foiled for the Warriors when West guard Ian Shepherd monkey-wrenched a Van Buskirk pass with three ticks showing on the clock.

To Maroon coach Roger Mueller, the victory was a nailbiter's delight.

"We've struggled through quite a few," Mueller said of his team, which is the surprise team in the area with a 3-0 conference mark and a 9-2 overall record. "But we seem to be able to always get a chance to win it in the end. And I think that's been a key to our success this year: the ability to guard people and the ability to get things done in our final possessions of the ballgame."

Detering can relate to Mueller's sentiments. The Warriors, like the Maroons, have also struggled through their share of battles this winter. But no matter which way they turn the hymnal, the song seems to always turn out the same.

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Domino's co-sponsoring Pack the Place; girls win

Domino's Pizza will serve as a co-sponsor of Pack the Place Night at Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday.

The Lady Warriors will face Alton in a Southwestern Conference game. Junior varsity action begins at 6 p.m. with the varsity game starting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Pack the Place is a promotion of the Illinois High School Association in which each member high school designates one home girls game and one home boys game in the month of January. The school then tries anything it can to "Pack the Place."

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The boys game with Collinsville on Feb. 5 will be Granite City's other Pack the Place night.

Girls above .500 again
The Lady Warriors upped their record to 7-6 with a 62-48 win over Belleville Althoff at Memorial Gym on Thursday.

Wendy Knollman led the way with 25 points and seven steals. Jennifer Cavannah had 17 points

Meyenburg and Amy Cant came off the bench when Becky Davis fouled out.

The Warriors got a big test when they host Belleville West on Monday.

Stars win free-for-all
It was hardly a work of art, but the Granite City Campus Stars returned from the holiday break with a 119-101 win over the SIUE junior varsity at GCC on Thursday.

"He played horrible," Terry Collins said. "We needed the practice because we haven't had that much good work since the holidays."

Charles Claggett had 40 points and Darwin Montana added 32 in a playground-type game that lifted the Stars to 7-6. It was their fourth win in a row.

"Charles has no trouble scoring in games like that," Collins said. "The key for him is to score when he is really being

guarded. If he can get 25 against Belleville, that will mean something."

The Stars travel to Belleville to face BAC in a 7:30 p.m. game on Monday.

Former Star Kirk Robinson had 18 points for the Cougar JV team.

"He did all the things he did when he was here," Collins said of the Stars' single-season scoring leader. "He should make a mark with their varsity team before the year's over, especially with his defense."

SCORING 45 56-101
SIUE JV: Bladenheld 32, Johnson 19, Robinson 16, Buchanan 16, Hurd 11, Crumser 5. FG 42 (4 3-pointers), FT 15/15.
GCC: Claggett 40, Montana 32, Martin 19, Carter 10, Ware 6, Gordon 5, Stephens 6, Vester 2. FG 41 (8 3-pointers), FT 11/17.

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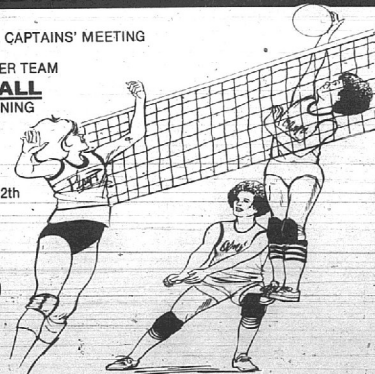
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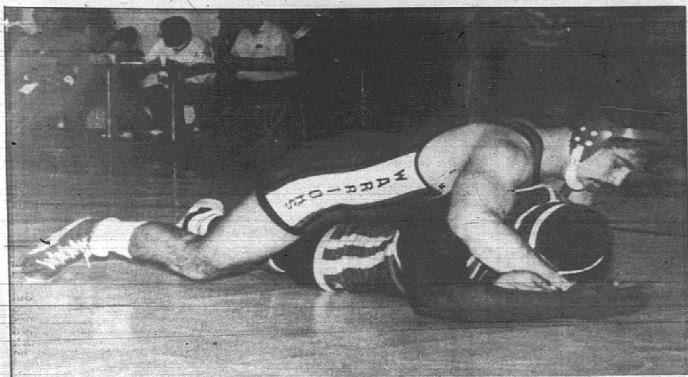
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Lanced

TERRY STANLEY pins his opponent during the Granite City Holiday Tournament. Stanley was pinned by Jason Myers of Belleville East as the Warriors dropped a 34-21 decision to the Lancers in Belleville on Friday. Todd Hutchinson suffered his first loss of the year when he dropped a 7-6 decision to the Lancer's Randy Tedesco. Winners for the Warriors, whose dual match record fell to 8-5-1, were Brent Davis (112), Bryan Pritchett (119), Scott Moss (126) and Dan Grayson (155). Grayson had the only Warrior pin of the match, dropping Terry Koderadr at 2:22. Granite City competed in an eight-team tournament at St. Charles on Saturday. Details will appear in Wednesday's Journal.

Elks Hoop Shoot at Grigsby Jan. 30

Competition for the 16th annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the national free throw shooting contest for youngsters age 8 through 15, will be held at Grigsby Junior High School on Jan. 30 at 9 a.m.

More than three million youngsters from throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in age categories 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four

tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals.

Local winners will compete against other contestants in the district events, district winners compete in state competition and state winners compete in regional competition.

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•Devils

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in the (Columbia) tournament," Harris said. "But we had a while to get our heads together and to brush up on a few things we weren't doing. Tonight, we took good shots. We rushed a few, but most of them were good shots."

Daryl Jackson had 16 points and Hosea King came off the bench for 10 points. "This was probably Hosea's best game of the year," Harris said. "We didn't run like we can in the last quarter, but until then we got good work from Hosea and the others."

NOTES: The Devils are back in conference play on Tuesday when they travel to Worden to face the lowly Trojans. Look for lots of Venice points — usually more than 100 when the face Worden. After that, they play in the Class A Superfan Classic at BAC on Saturday. They face

Weeslin at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. Call Venice High School (482-5340) or BAC (235-2700) for more information.

Harris said the Devils won't schedule Vashon again after the Wolverines backed out of a date in Venice last Tuesday.

"We had a verbal agreement to play them, but coach (Flo) Irons said he didn't have us on their schedule," Harris said. "Then he said he would play us, but we wanted a contract. They never sent it. I think they were a little nervous to play us after we beat them the last two years."

Vashon probably thought it had nothing to gain and everything to lose by playing in Venice. The Wolverines are ranked sixth in the country and are the top large school team in the area.

•Warriors

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"We had the ball and we had our chances to win it," Deterding said. "We just didn't capitalize on it."

"I realize that a loss by one point or a loss by 50 points is still a loss. But I'm encouraged. I'm not happy with the loss, but I'm encouraged. We're making progress. We're not taking giant steps. But we're getting there."

The rays of hope Deterding salvaged from Friday's loss were the individual play of forward Mark Miller — who scored a season-high 10 points and four rebounds off the Warrior bench — and the collective play of Granite City's defense, which made the Maroons' trip to victory a turbulent one.

"I was really pleased with Miller's play, and the defense. I can't fault our defense," Deterding said. "Those son of a buns really play hard on defense."

But size, or a lack thereof,

and free throws, or the inability to make them, ultimately proved to be the Warriors' Waterloo against the Maroons.

"Rebounding just killed us at the end," Deterding said. "And then we're right down there knocking on the door late, but it just boils down to the fact that we didn't hit the free throws."

The Warriors (3-9, 0-3 in the SWC) were to face the Jacksonville Crimsons and All-State forward Andy Kaufmann on Saturday night in Jacksonville. Since Jacksonville is 12-1 and ranked 12th in the state, Deterding said he was realistic about his team's chances.

"I think the guys realize that Jacksonville is in a class all their own," he said. "We'll just go up there and give it our best."

"I just don't want the guys to get their dobers down. West is 9-2, we're 3-9. So obviously, we're not that far away from the pack. We just need to be patient."

Meetings scheduled for summer leagues

Granite City Park District summer baseball and softball organizational meetings will be held at the Brown Recreation Center, 2165 Amos Ave.

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